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1. On 23 October 1950 the Soviet troops stationed in Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95) were estimated at 4,000. Prior to the middle of September 1950 about twice as many Soviet troops had been located in that city. They included personnel of infantry, tank and air force units. *
2. During the second half of October 1950 Soviet tank troops were stationed in Cegled (2 48/0 08). *
3. On 23 October 1950 no Soviet troops were observed in Bekescsaba (R 16/0 91) and Kiskunfelegyhaza (I 7/0 03).
4. Soviet motor vehicles 25X1
25X1 25X1 were identified in southeastern Hungary. Many other motor vehicles 25X1 were observed. **
5. Along the Hungarian-Rumanian border a wide strip of ground had been plowed up. It was freshly harrowed at short intervals. Illegal border crossers from Rumania who were apprehended were returned to Rumania. ***
- * 25X1 25X1 Comment. The report confirms the location of Soviet troops in Kecskemet and Cegled until the end of October 1950. Soviet troops estimated at about one tank or mechanized division have been stationed in the Kecskemet-Cegled-Szolnok area since the late fall of 1949. 25X1 They may make up the 2nd Gds Mecz Div which had been transferred from the Craiova area, Rumania, to Hungary in the fall of 1949. 25X1 About 2,000 Soviet troops observed 25X1 in Camp Oerkeny, 23 km northwest of Kecskemet, in April 1950, are believed to have also belonged to the division in the Kecskemet area. 25X1
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25X1 the 17th Gds Mecz Div, which has its permanent billets in the Szombathely-Győr area. 25X1
25X1 25X1 not yet permit any conclusions as to a possible transfer of elements of the Central Group of Forces, including the 17th Gds Mecz Div, to southeastern Hungary. 25X1
- *** 25X1 Comment. First information on control measures along the Hungarian-Rumanian border. It seems credible.

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